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Continued Opportunity to Nominate Public Advisors

PORTLAND – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will continue to accept nominations for 17 positions on their three Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) east of the Cascades in Oregon and Washington. These 15-member citizen groups work closely with managers of the BLM and the US Forest Service lands east of the Cascade Range. The extended closing date for applications is **April 20, 2007**.

The RACs need people who can work collaboratively to represent the viewpoints of commodity, conservation and/or community group interests for the Eastern Washington, John Day-Snake and Southeast Oregon RACs. **Vacancies and expired terms this year include representatives of: environmental groups, commercial timber, public-at-large, local elected official, grazing permit or lease holders, archaeological and/or historical interests, commercial recreation and/or off-highway vehicle (OHV) users, local Indian tribes, academics in natural resource science, and conservation interests.**

The RACs are a key part of resource planning for federal agencies. Local RACs provide valuable advice on management plan alternatives. Their expertise helps agencies refine project initiatives for issues as varied as grazing, forest health, land exchanges, travel options, and recreation site management.

Candidates are ranked based on their knowledge of the region and its resources, familiarity with the subject category, experience with collaborative decision-making, and endorsement letters from the interests the applicant would represent. Individuals may nominate themselves or others for these positions, whose terms will expire in September. Candidates must reside in the State where the council has jurisdiction.

For a nomination form or additional information, contact Pam Robbins, Bureau of Land Management, (pam_robbins@blm.gov), P.O. Box 2965 Portland, Oregon 97208, (503) 808-6306, or your local BLM District Office. More RAC information is on the internet at <http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/index.php>.

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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RAC FACT SHEET

Current recruitment and specific RAC information:

Eastern Washington RAC

Position	Geographic area
Grazing permit holder	resources located in whole or in part within the Spokane District of the BLM and the Colville and Okanogan National Forests
Commercial timber	
National or regional environmental organization	
Conservation or wildlife interests	
Academics involved in natural sciences	

John Day-Snake RAC

Position	Geographic area
Commercial recreation or OHV	federal lands in the northeastern portion of Oregon including Hells Canyon National Recreation Area lands in Idaho, and parts of the Snake River drainage in Southeast Washington
Commercial timber interests (term expires 2008)	
Archaeological and historic interests	
National or regional environmental organization	
Indian tribes	
Local elected official	

Southeast Oregon RAC

Position	Geographic area
Commercial timber	federal lands in Southeast Oregon; located in whole or in part within the Vale, Burns, and Lakeview BLM Districts and the Fremont and Malheur National Forests
Archaeological and historic interests	
Environmental organizations	
Public-at-large (term expires 2009)	
Indian tribes	
Local elected official	

Council members are unpaid but are reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses. RACs usually meet quarterly within their geographic area. Appointees serve a three year term unless filling an unexpired term.

Nominations must include a completed background information nomination form, letter(s) of reference from the specific interest category, and any other information that demonstrates the nominee's qualifications. Completed application packets should be sent to Pam Robbins, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208-2965.

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